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FOR NEA/ARN DRAPER FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: MILI, SY, US, EAIR  
SUBJ: LOCKHEED L-100S FOR SYRIA

REF: STATE 273762

1. GENERAL MUKKAYED IS STILL HEAD OF PROCUREMENT FOR SYRIAN  
MINISTRY OF DEFENSE. HE IS ALSO NEWLY APPOINTED  
CHARIMAN OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE FOR RUNNING SYRIAN AIRLINES  
IN THE AFTERMATH DISMISSAL OF THE AIRLINE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
IN SEPTEMBER.

2. RCAA DWOR WAS HERE FIRST WEEK NOVEMBER. HIS CIVAIR  
CONTACTS MADE NO MENTION OF SYRIAN AIRLINES INTEREST IN  
INAUGURATING A CARGO SERVICE. THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF  
SYRIAN AIRLINES DID SPEAK TO DWOR OF HIS HIP (AND HE  
NOT REPEAT NOT FINAL DICISION MAKER) TO STANDARDISE ON  
BOEING AIRCRAFT. AIRLINE EXAMINING PROSPECTS FOR  
PRUCHASING TWO ADDITIONAL BOEING 727S. THE DG SAYS HE  
WOULD PREFER A SMALLER AIRCARFT THAN THE 727 BUT CON-  
CLUDES THE 727 OFFERS THE BEST COMPROMISE IN VIEW  
PROBLEMS OF INTEGRATING DIFFERENT MAKE AIRCRAFT INTO THE  
EXISTING FLEET. THUS, THERE DOES APPEAR TO EXIST

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LEGITIMATE CIVILIAN NEED ON SHORT-HAUL DOMESTIC ROUTES,  
BOTH FOR PASSENGERS AND CARGO, FOR AN AIRCRAFT OF L-100  
TYPE.

3. DURING DISCUSSION WITH THE DEFENSE ATTACHE (COL.  
ASHBY) IN EARLY JULY, MAJOR GENERAL NAJI JAMIL, SYRIAN  
AIR FORCE CNMANDER, DISCLOSED A DESIRE TO PURCHASE FOUR

C-130S OR, AS AN ALTERNATIVE, THE L-100. JAMIL ALSO SAID THAT SARG WANTED TO NEGOTIATE WITH LOCKHEED DIRECTLY, NOT THROUGH THE USG. HE INDICATED SARG WOULD BE WILLING TO PAY CASH.

4. WE ARE AWARE THAT SALESMEN FOR FRENCH-GERMAN CONSORTIUM HAVE VISITED DAMASCUS IN RECENT MONTHS TRYING TO SELL NORATLAS, A SMALLER VERSION OF THE C-130. THE FRENCH ARE ALSO TRYING TO SELL THE C-160A TRANSALL WHICH IS COMPARABLE TO THE C-130.  
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